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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Foster et al.

Appln. No.: 10/617,580

Examiner: Charles H. Sam

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For: FLEXIBLE CANNULA

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in duplicate; Amendment; Supplemental Information Disclosure; PTO 1449 Form; Deposit account debited \$790 (RCE fee);
- Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- No additional fee is required.
- Small Entity.
- An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a ____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).
- An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		or	Not a Small Entity	
					Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$130=			+\$360=	
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Fee payment:

- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover _____ is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$790 to cover RCE fee. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Date

12/21/2006

Respectfully submitted,

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